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SUBJ: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: STATE OF PLAY

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1. I HAVE JUST HAD QUICK PHONE CONVERSATION WITH DEREK BRYCESON WHO HAS RETURNED DAR FROM KIGOMA AT 2000 HOURS LOCAL TUESDAY, 24 JUNE.

2. BRYCESON CONFIRMS NAVAL ACTIVITY PREVENTED STUDENT EXCHANGE ZAIRIAN SIDE OF LAKE EARLIER TODAY, BUT SAYS KIGOMA PARTY VERY HOPEFUL EXCHANGE CAN BE ARRANGED. HE SAID REBELS DID SEE MISSION BOAT APPROACH THEIR SIDE OF LAKE AND WAVED WHITE FLAGS AND DISPLAYED SIGNALS ACKNOWLEDGING SIGHTING.

3. ACCORDING BRYCESON KIGOMA GROUP EXPECTS ZAIRIAN SIDE PRP REP TO ATTEMPT LATE CROSSING TONIGHT TO MEET WITH NONDO. IF SUCH MEETING OCCURS, PLAN IS TO HAVE STUDENTS RETURNED BY REBELS TO KIGOMA WHEN THEY SEE OPPORTUNITY NON-DECTION BY FAZ NAVAL FORCES.

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4. BRYCESON ALSO REPORTS THAT NONDO AND HIS AIDE AND HUNTER AND HAMBURG AND TANGOV POLICE GETTING ON FAMOUSLY TOGETHER. THIS HAS CONTRIBUTED TO NONDO'S INCREASED SENSE OF SECURITY AND APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO NOW EFFECT EXCHANGE ON TANZANIAN SIDE OF LAKE.

5. IT IS NOT LIKELY WE WILL HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT UNTIL EARLY WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE.

6. BRYCESON WILL BE REPORTING THESE DEVELOPMENTS TO PRESIDENT NYERERE TONIGHT. I WILL HAVE FULLER CONVERSATION WITH BRYCESON IN A.M.
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